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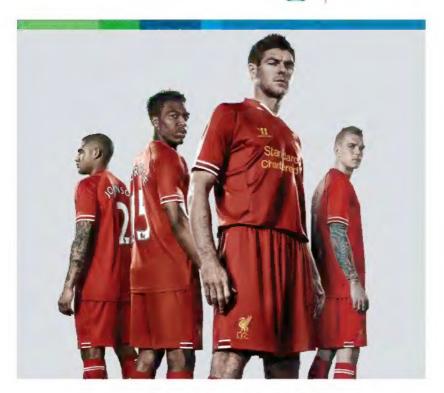
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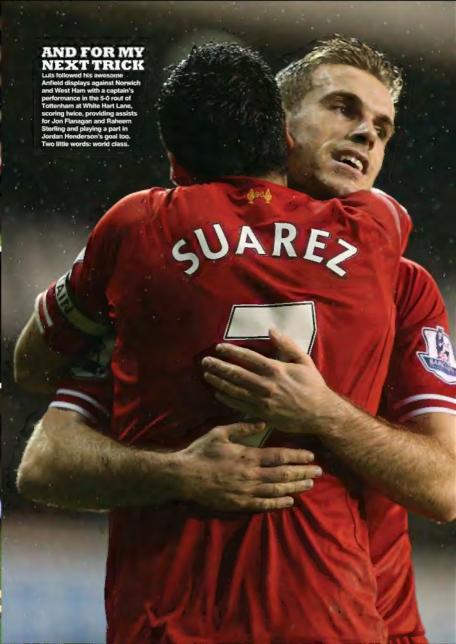














Every day Jordan Henderson drives himself to improve physically and mentally as a young professional. The Liverpool and England midfielder explains how and why to William Hughes

hime is a steely Jordan Henderson's upon a pivotal period in his Liverpool caree

His onthusiasm for football shines through as he originges on the subject and he is unequivocal in his belief that he has plenty of progress still to make. Such hunger is a quality that Brendan Rodgers has identified as a pre-requisite for those wanting to be

part of his Anfield era. This season Henderson has been one of the first names on the manager's teamsheet and, along with Steven Gerrard, was the only outfield

player to have started the Reds' first 15 Premier League games of the season. And yet in the early days of Rodgers' reign, the Northern Inshman gave serious thought to allowing the former Sunderland midfielder to develop his career elsewhere. Henderson has committed body and soul to turning that situation around.

"I think my overall game is improving but I'm still a long way from where I want to get to." he tells us at Melwood. Twant to carry on improving every day. Hopefully I can carry on doing the things I have been doing well and if I keep learning from the right people then I can get to where I want to be "I've played quite a lot so far this

season and I've been mally enjoying my football. Since the manager's come in, he's helped me a lot, I think there are a lot of areas I've improved in. Perhaps the biggest would be my factical awareness. I've made massive strides in terms of defensive transition and offensive too.

It is worth remembering that Henderson was still a week shy of his 21st birthday when he arrived at Anfield in the summer of 2011. A keen student of the game, he admirs that there have been times when he may have been guilty of over-thinking things. The past year however has signaled a significant line in the sand.

He has become a father for the first

"My overall game is improving but I'm still a long way from where I want to get"

time and believes having a daughter to date on when he returns from training means he no longer has time to dwell on matters. "Switching off is the difficult part. When I go home I find it pretty hard to do that, especially when things are not going well and you probably and up over-thinking. When results and performances aren't of the standards we expect, there's no one more disappointed than myself and as a team we're all the same. But it's how you react. You've got to have a release and try to relex. My lette girl is the best thing in the world and helps with that. She has probably changed my life."

He also talks effusively about the work of Dr Steve Peters, the psychiatrist who has previously been employed by the British Cycling tearn. Team Sky, as well as UK Athletics and snocker legend Ronnie O'Sultivan

Peters, who works on a consultancy basis at the club, explains. "I specialise in the human mind and how to operate with it. Here at Liverpool the task is to try and optimise performance by using the mind. It's secondary to the physical attributes but I think most people would agree that what you take on the pitch in your head is Caudio continue.

Henderson says: "I've been speaking to Stave for exactly is year now avissem tiet massive benefits from it. I feel really strong mentally. It's 100 per cent helped me but again it's another aspect you've got to keep working on, to improve and get stronger

There is huge expectation at Liverpool but that's why I came here in the lirst place. The best players have creat expectations on them because they want to perform at the highest level every single week and they're expected to do so. That's what I want. Obviously you're going to have times



when it might not be going for you but you still need to stay mentally strong and parsevers.

hyreatron's locations market of energy and athleticism have helped make him a key coo in the team Rodgers is attempting to mould He feels that such attributes are

in the genes - his mum worked as a fitness instructor and his dad played football for England Police

"I think it's natural. My mam and dad enjoyed sport and when I was in school Hoved taking pert in games. I used to run everywhere! At the end of each school day I would always run home and I was

pretty active. It has given me a good base of fitness, and the staff here also help. We do some good conditioning work on the training field during the week to get us ready for the games and physically I leal very good BLOTH HOUSE

In the first two-and-a-half years of his Liverpool career Henderson has been deployed in midfield holding roles, wide on the right, as a right wing-back, and across an attacking Indent playing AND REAL PROPERTY.

There are those who believe that such versatility can be a hindrance rather than a help. Having said that it never did Steve Nicol arry harm (see Interview on pages 64-68). "I think it can only really benefit me," he says "If you can play in various positions you've got more chance of being in the team and all I want to do is play

"At the same time I really enjoy the different roles, if I'm playing in a deeper position in front of the back-four or back-three as more of a controller I like the responsibilities, and it's the same when I'm playing on the left, right or centrally off the attacker with more chances to get forward."

His form in a red shirt has also brought about further opportunities in a white one, After being omitted from the first few England international squads of the season, he was recalled for the November friendles against Chile and Germany, making substitute appearances in both games to take his tally of caps to seven.

"It was nice to go back into the squadand get some game time. During the two or three international breaks before that I was having a few days off and coming into training but I didn't enjoy walching the games on the lefty, be that the Under 21s or the seriors. So to be in the squad was a massive boost. But in larms of the summer there a still a long way to go and anything





"We need to keep playing at the right tempo and intensity and do the right things"

can happen. I've just got to locus on playing really well for Liverpool and I'll give it my everything as always do Then, come the end of the season. let's see where we are end it will be up to the manager of England "

Back in February Jordan became the first recipient of the FA's Under 21s player of the year award. He has since handed the age-group captainty on to Reds team-mate Andre Wisdom "N had had to choose a person to take over it would have definitely been Andre because he is a leader and n winner. He's got the right mentality and Bititude to take on that role so didn't feel as though ineeded to ralk to him about it. I've wished him all the best. his a great achievement for him and im sure he's enjoying it.

Another group of Under 21s to have benefited from Handerson's example have been Jiverpool Football Club's own group of talented youngsters Speaking to the magazine recently ceach Alex Inglethorpe explained how impressed the whole squad had been with the notifie attitude and piblity while training at Melwood during one of those international breaks Barrier in the season.

When they come up here (Melwood) don't really think that they re looking at me to be honest, he smiles. I always feel that we re on à pai ve always been taught from a young age that if you're training on playing with someone it doesn't matter how good they are, you re on par with them and you should be able to voice your opinion. Obviously you've got to show respect, but you're interally on the same playing field so that's no different when the 21s or the 18s come to Melwood. I try to passion my expenences from when was their age and generally try to encourage them-There are a lot of good players with plenty of talent coming through if they continue to work hard

And while Henderson believes that crop of players can give the club a bright future fans witnessing the team's displays at Anfield this season believe the prepent also looks promising.

He says "It's been a decont start especially at home where we've been lantastic on occasions. The performance level has been really high and we've soored quite a lot of goals as well. That's been really pleasing for us but we've got to keep it going

That's the key thing. We can't just expect to go out and win by four or five every single week. There will be days when we might not score. but in those matches we need to keep playing at the right tempo and intensay and do the right things. We need to take that into our games away from home too. You can't just win your frome games and not perform when you're away. That's tough but something we need to strive for it we're going to be successful."

The determination is clear again as he fixes you with a steely gaze and says Consistency is so important. If we can keep doing the things we have been, then by the end of the season we can be right up there.





When Luis Suarez scored four goals against Norwick last month be became the 35th player to net 50 league goals for the Rads and it took him just 86 appearances...

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Luis' scoring spree against the Canaries was the 31st occasion on which a Liverpool player had finished a game with four goals. The Uniqueyan made LFC history by becoming the first Red to score three hat-tricks against the same club.





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Sometimes setbacks are there to

ometimes setbacks are there to make the best players stronger

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n Germany there is a player called Frank Mill who is famous for missing an open goal white playing for Borussa Dortmund against Bayern Munich. After going around the poalkeeper he had a few seconds to score. But materal of just rolling if he tried to dribble the ball in. pot il studt under his feet and ended up hitting the post.

That didn't mean he was a bad player - his goalscoring record was quite good. It just illustrates that anyone can make a mistake. Joe Allen's miss against Everton was an example of their

In almost every game, every week, in every league, there will be errors. Some, such as Mill's or Allen's, get highlighted more because they take place in front of goal. If the all the other and of the prich the same applies too Goalkeepers usually have hobody else to bail them out. So when they slip up 4 normally proves costly

I played with Jerzy Dudek for five seasons and during most of that he was a lantastic goalkeeper. The only time his level slightly diaped was in 2002/03. In the middle of that spell he dropped the ball against Manchester United and let Diego Forter score

"Jerzy stayed tough and worked harder to overcome his difficult spell"

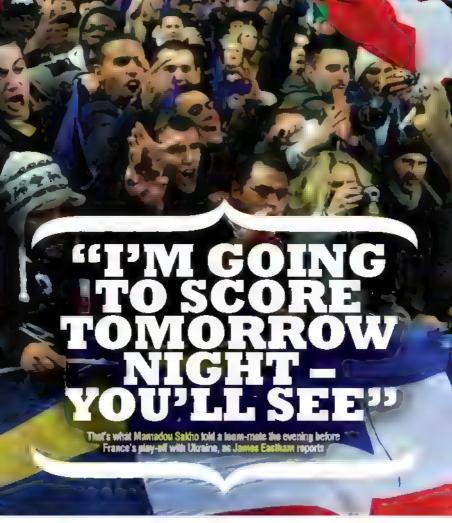
It was obviously a tough time for him. I don't remember anyone saying too much about his mistake in the dressing-room afterwards. If a player has made a costly error they know it nobody needs to tell them

Gerard Houltier was diplomatic when it came to those type of situations. He wouldn't say too much straight after a game enyway win or lose I think the only time he'd discuss an incident m front of everyone else related to a red card for something stupid. That emphasised if was unacceptable.

For anything else, such as Jerzy's slip-up, he'd chal to the player on a one-to-one basis. I think the lads really appreciated that, Jerzy responded to the situation in the perfect way. The next time we played United was in the Worthingon Cup final at the Millennium Stadium a few months later Jessy produced some find saves to win man of the match and help us to a 2-6 victory. And we all know what he did in the Champions League final in istanbul a few years later

Jerzy could have suited or been down Instead he showed tremendous mental toughness and worked even harder to overcome his difficult soell and rediscover his best form. That's what you have to do if you endure a bad moment or big disappointment. You have to almost erase any mernories of it because there will always be another game to play in

From what I've seen Joe Allen s already done that. He was excellent in our win over West Ham in early December and I think he has a big luture at uiverpool. Sometimes it's not a mistake that defines someone's career but how they respond to it. Follow Didi on Twitter @delmerhemenn



he day Mamadou.
Sasho's Me changed forever was 19
November 2013
Before than he could wall down any street in his homeland and only real football faris would recognise him. If he were to do the same now people would pour or to the powerments to shalle he hand.

Tuesday 19 November was the day of France is World Cup play off second lag against Julraine. Two down from the first leg four days eather les Blous changes of making into Brazil seemed to rain's somewhere between sim and non-easitem. The media had given up on the players accusing them of lacking character. The national mood was dark as the square fetal. back to France for the return feature yet one man was prepaning to take control stage. Solino had watched the first leg from the solelines. Laurent Kosoleny and Finc, Abdall and been poked ahead of hum in defence. But Kosoleny was now suspended after a late red card in that first game. This was Saleho is moment and somewhere visible his filt France could stell make it.



mamadou sakho

planning for the biggest lootball game of heilfia. As he wasked out on to the Social de France pitch that night, even Saiche would have struggled to belove what a servinal performance he was about to produce. In flort of 80,000 fairs France donwhated from the start Three went 1-9 out on 22 minutes.

and rather than Franck Ribery or one of the other more established first-teamers it was Mamodou that soored, with a low angled drive The comeback had begun.

Shortly before hell-time Kerim Beruzerna reade it 2-0. Early in the second-hall Jilinaine hed a man sent off it seemed only a matter of time before France would score the writter

"The coach told me I ws playing and I thought: we're going to Brazil"

They did and if was Sakho that struck again turning the ball home from close range with the inside of his night forse. He and the rest of the beam defended magnificently to hold on tor one of France's greatest sporting comebacks.

At the final whistle the stackers erupted. Salcho danced on the pitch with former PSG learn-mate Blasse Mahaidi. Franch regional newspaper Affet Libre splashed a picture of the pair of them across its front page the following morning underreath the headline Sambal' All over France the media sincled out Sakho for praise National sports daily L'Equipe awarded him 9 out of 10 and compared him to one of France a graetest-ever players "It was as though we'd gone back in time and were watching Lilian Thuram all over again," marvelled reporter Raphael Raymond

He was referring to the tect Thrusanhad scored twole in Famor's 2-1 World Cup sent-final win over Creatia in 1988 Now in the same stadium Solhohad done the same thing. As the reality of what he'd achieved sunk in Marnadou, seath he'd had a leeining he was point to be then hald-winner

As dinner the night before the game inthowed Mouses Sesoiko and said: 'I'm going to score tomorrow night you'll see. He fell about taughing You'll You never score! The said ! smalled end said: "Just you watch!



Cleay I never thought I'd score two but just before lock-off Moussa grabbed my arm and eard "Riemember what you loid me last night?" I told him day. Aller the game he came over and said: Are you a clair-over or what?!"

In the 48 hours that followed his name and face were everywhere, name of the were everywhere, even though by now held returned to uverpool for braining. The coverage continued into the next week Salthowas star guest on sports channel Beth Sport is Sunday-right lootball show The public got to see the man bothlid the hoolballer.

BeINSport had tracked down a youth costsh who of worked with Saltho at Parts FC the club that Mamadou, had joined of the age of eight. The coach described the boy har of known. The was attentive, stry, and always happy to put the cohes out or pump up the footballs. He was my title assessmit. As he got older he grew in confidence. Emilies, and of shel, Vega factors the Real He became a leader. He dilock after the younger boys. We weren't his team... we were his family.

unoking back at his childhood. Salaho broke down as he recalited the doath of his fether at 13 "One day his called me into his room and said" My time a up now "Nei Bit your mother some money for an apartment, I leave responsibility for the lamity with you. From that moment on Goddell wishni just am aim." It was an obligation I was determined to make it. Al 12-13. I was sith hanging around with my thends but looking further ahead them linem.

Saldvos visitor guided him all the way the right against Ulirage that will never be forgotient. In the month's leading upto the World Cup he will confune to be feted as a national high. He played a massive role in France making it to Frazal. And he's only 23 "You like that. for this Ruds definition in the blue of his boundly the best is yet to come.

ALY ON THE FRENCH RENAISSANCE

"To be perfectly honess! I didn't think finey could turn it around [In this second leg!", strys. Reds onloan defender Aly Clasokho. "The game in Ulsraine was very lough, so to have to play them again lust hour dury later was a resi chatfengu. Every neverpairs in France west angative about our chances. The players could easily have

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But the coard gave him
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It was a really good moment for him
and was pleased to see it happen.
The team reacted well to a difficult
situation and showed how good
they can be.
"Off no web cutting in the strated his

"Of yourse getting in the equad in a target for me. [To play in] a World Cup is an emblion for every player. There are two very good left-backs shead of me Patrice Evis and Gael Cilicity. They've done well in the Premier League for a long time now.

If I em to get ahead of them I have to play here every week and play well



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This is such a crucial period to be called up for Brazil

Lucas explains why so many people in his homeland will be watching the Premier League closely over the winter Iter a hiatus from the national team of elmost two years. The second second Lucas could have been lorgiven for thinking his dream of appearing at the World Cup finals back home was slipping away However his ambition seems to be back within his graso after he was recalled to the squad in October

Brazil of course quality automatically for the tournament as hosts, and with a population of more than 200 million behind them the Samba stars hope to dil their people proud. The five-times writtens are synchrynous with a competition that has burned players see 89 Peter 200 Romano Romado and now Neymor into household names across the globo

Lucas was sidelined by an ACL Injury for the second half of the 2011/12 season and then massed a chunk of last term with a thigh problem. Ouring that period his former Gremio manager Meno Menotase was replaced as Bazol

chach by Luiz Felipe Scolar and he appeared to be in the infernational

But he was called up for the blendly against South Korea in South In mid-October and has featured in four gernes since his recall. "Being part of the World Cup in Brazil is something that have always wenhod," he says. "Of course the (grupt) problems that I've had in the past have just made it harder for mid-

arm really glad that I'm back in the squad because that means I am playing well and the way that the manager of the national team wants me to. Now we have a few months without any internetional games so it will be important to keep playing well for Liverpool - and then well see in the new year of I am still in the plans.

think that if implie the next squadmy chances of being involved in the World Cup will be very high, so ean really looking forward to this period Over size Deoptive/rearly January the Premier Jeaque will be the only one of

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the major leagues that will be on, so the attention will be on England and it will be important to be featuring in most of the games.

Lucias fays the role has a skeld to play for his naboral side as not too unlike his job under Brandan Rodgers. "It's quite service really julyey as a holding medicate and by to start the build-up white sometimes giving the delence are earth man." There are a few aspects that are different to that which Brandan asks me to that

"It's just a case of edapting. have felt really comfortable in the games I've played with Brazil I think the way play here at Liverpool is what took ine back to the squad so I just have to keep trying to perform the same way.

Another man hoping to come into Scotlan's thinking is Antield teaminate Philippe Coutriho. The 21-year-old mudfielder has enjoyed an excellent first year with Inverpool and though he's played down his own chances of making the squad. Lucas believes that he is in contention. "Scalar is trying to watch everyone. He is got maybe 40 to 45 players that he is really therking about taking to the World Cup so I think it will be a case of who is in the best shape at the moment. That's why this period is cruical. As I say there won't be too much hootest on outside England and I'm sure the coach will be watching the pames.

Philippe was very uniformate to get the shoulder major when he did as thought he had a chance to be ploked But vota only need to low at my case where thought was not going to have another chance because of improved the philippe and because of the philippe and the philippe and the chance of the philippe and the p

"That's what Philippe needs to keep doing because, for sure, people in Brazzi will be watching him. If they think he deserves a chance and might be needed in this squad, in sure they will give him that opportunity.

"The way I play at Liverpool is what got me back into the Brazil squad"

His's still very young and he's got many World Cupe sheed of him if he doesn't make the Brazilian squad now But until the squad for the finals is amounced in May, don't think that anybody should give up. My message would be, usit keep going because you never know what may be wating for you.



"WE WON'T GET CARRIED AWAY"

With a squad bristling with famous names Belgium are one of the World Cup's hot tickets according to many pundits—but Simon Mignolet insists he and his team-mates are staying grounded







I the time of writing Belgium are fifth layourites for the World Cup. Despite the obvious talent at their disposal, the sudden level of expectation surrounding Marc Wilmots team is stiff perhaps surprising. This is the lirst occasion they we reached a major tournament since 2002

With that in mind Simon Mignolet's response to securing a place in Brazil next summer is perfectly understandable "First of all we were happy to just ensure qualification," says the Reds goalkaeper who is competing with Chelses's Thibaut Courtois (currently on loan at Atletico Madnell for a starting place in the national team

it was a good feeling. That was our objective and to do it without having to go in to the play-offs was great too. It's a big achievement because we'd all waited so iono for it to happen. The whole country was delighted and really enjoyed TO THE OWNER.

Of the home and away fetures that they played against Croatia, Serbia, Scotland, Wales and Macedonia, the Red Devils won eight and draw two to comfortably top Group A with 26 points nine clear of second-placed Croatia (who shuck into the finals as the eighth and tast runners-up with the best record). Along the way Belgium scored 18 goals and penceded just four

"Going through unbeaten is very positive for us," continues Smon. That means we're one of the top seeds now. Theoretically we should avoid the big teams, although having said that we could end up playing Italy or the Netherlands as they are not lop seeds "

A clash with England could also meterialise should both sides progress to the last 16, with Belgium in Group F and Boy Hodgson's men in Group Dilk's already been mentioned in the changing-rooms at Melwood. "I've spoken to the English lads about the tournament. It's good to see them make it because you want England in the big competitions, it's one at those countries that are a part of the World Cup history and can do well

Turning his attention back to his own country's aspirations, Mignolet acknowledges they do have some talented individuals. "We have good players," he says of a squad that contains lamiliar Premier League faces such as Eden Hazard, Vincent Kompeny Mercuane Fellain and Romelu Lukeku. "Sut we won't get carried away. We know there is a lot for us to do and areas to improve before the summer comes around builds up slowly from the first game. Our locus is being ready for that. We re all looking forward to it."

"Qualifying is a big achievement we've waited so long for it to happen"



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Steven. "But I think those games in November were an eye-opener and a secon, in a way they probably came the individual of the probably came the probably came the probably came the probably came to be probably came to be property and the probably appropriate to be probably appropriate to be probably came to be prob for his country, the same as Bobby Moore, with only Peter Shilton (125) appearances), David Beckham (115) and Bobby Moore (106) aheed of him

Moutine at Wernbley on 31 May 2000;: the day after his 20th birthday, He plappered the side for the first lime in March 2004 and has now worn the armband 34 times. Brazil 2014 will be Stayer's third World Cup – Injuly ruled him out of Japan and Korea 2002 - and he believes the standard of feetball at that level has only risen.

"When I started with England there were good fearre about, but when yet.) came up against the lessor nations it. was usually quite comfortable. I don't think you have many comfortable games now. Your sc-called weeker ims are all improving. The coaching in a lot of countries is galling better too "Cit source the good sides have

phio improved. Players are stronger, little and feater. Trying to win a majer rentert is hetorring more difficult." Hopefully joining him in the sound far next swimmer will be fellow Piede state Daniel Sturidge, Glen Johnson, Joedan Hunderson, Paleatri Stating arid Martin Helly



"WE BATTLE HARD AND WE NEVER GIVE UP"

Luis Sueraz and Uruguay just don't do lost causes, says club and country beam-mate Sebaction Coales after the side rescued their qualification dream







dione has accred nore goals for Iruguay than Luis auarez He's found the net 39 times in 71 games for his country including

11 in the CONMEBOL qualifiers that saw the reigning South American champions reach the finals after an intercontinental play-off win over Jordan That's one more goal than Lionel Messi managed for Argentina in the qualifiers and two more than both Gonzalo Higuain (also Argentina) and Redamer Falcao (Colombia).

Surprisingly none of those 11 goals came in the 5-0 two-legged Inumph over Jordan, required after Uruguay had finished fifth behind Argentina. Colombia, Chile and Ecuador, At the last World Cup they came fourth. Are they now a better team?

"It's hard to say." is Sebastian Coates considered response. You are talking about two separate periods in time. All we can do is hope that Liruguay does as well as possible and we progress as far as we can. The third-place play-off wouldn't be bad just like in South Africa.

What the centre-back does guarantee is that Suarez and the rest of his team-mates will continue to produce their brand of determined and skilful football. "Uruguay's style is to always battle hard in every dame and never give up on any tackle as a lost cause. We are a solid end compact. unit and everyone works hard for

the side. There are a lot of very good players in the squad of course [Edinson] Cavani and Lus come to mind, but as well as them you have a group full of excellent players."

Seba has been unavailable since injuring his knee while or international duty back in August. He admits that watching games rather than playing isn't easy especially when you've been there at the beginning and through the qualifying stages, and then you miss the best part (the qualifying). What Fire working hard to achieve right now is to get back playing as early as possible to be able to make myself available for selection to the coach, so

that he can decide whether or not I'll make the Uruguay squad. It's down to me to prepare myself the best, can to be ready and available for whenever he decides

in the meantime Coates is well aware of what this summer means. to the Uruguayan people - think for any country playing at a World Cup finals is the best and most important thing you can get. For us, historically playing in Brazil is important as 4 s. the place where we last won the trophy (bealing the hosts 2.1 in 1960) So playing another World Cup tournament in that country is fantastic a really big deal for us







There were ribad fortunes for the rest of the Reds in the World Cup qualifiers

topping Group C of gualifying section to secure a place qualifying section to secure a place in the play-offis. Kolo Toure wasn't pair of the squad through his own choice. He wasn't playing regularly for Marchester City and admitted: "When you don't play for your plub it's vary

hile the lyory Coast were

difficult to play for your ristional teem? Following his width 16 Arhold and some impressive displays in the rad of Liverpoot, he returned for the two-legged showdown with Senegal He was an unused sub for the first meeting. B 41 videoly for the horizons The return facture was a lighter contest, Toure featuring for 50 minutes in 8.1 if Jean Brazzi well be his third consecutive.

On-loan attacker Victor Moses is a regular startar for African champions. Nigeria. The team's pretemed penalty talker scoring from the spot in the 4-1 play-off win over Ethiopia, is also his. The brave and the bold

nation's 2013 player of the year.
Elsewhere Daniel Agger's Denmark
came aponisangly close A 6-0 victory
over Matta in their final game. with
Daniel scoring Invo pranièles - insured
second sport in Group B But their
record as one of nine numera-ue
wasn's enough to eam a play-off place.
Martin Skrie's Sloviella, accumulated.
33 points in Group G as they finished
therd betinde Greece and BosnaHezzegovina, and Joe Allein's Wales
came 8th in at group led by Belouin.

Luck of the draw

Who's playing who at next summer's big world party

teven Gerrard and Glen Johnson are likely to lace Lverpool fearn-male Luss Susare at the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazel after England and Uniquey were paired together in Group D. The draw also intend the two sides up against Raly and Costs Rica ared year's forumament.

Roy Hodgson's team will open their campaign with a clash against four-time World Cup winners tlay in Mansus on 15 June before travelling to Seo Paolo on 19 June for the be with Uruğulay. Five days laber they will play Costa Rica in Belo Horzonte.

Brazilians Lucas and Philippe Coulinho saw their country drawn alongside Meason. Cameroon and Croatia in Group A. who Simon Mignolet's Belgium were placed in Group H. with Algeria, South Korsa and Russia.

Kolo Toure's Ivory Coast will compete in Group C along with



Colombia, Japan and Greece, Marnadou, Saldrio, socrer of those play-off goals for France against Ukraine will lace Switzerland. Ecuador and Honduras in Group E Juverpool ioance Victor Moses will leature in Group E with Nigora or games ogainst Argentina, hen and Bosma-Herzegowne, and Brad Jones and Australia face the deurting prospect of Pepe Riema's Span. Crive and Nestratands in Group B.

Sitted (where) and Cline (where) could risted on the quarters



Group A

Brazil Croatia Mexico Cameroon

Group B

Spain Netherlands Chile Australia

Group C

Colombia Greece Ivory Coast Japan



Group D

Uruguay Costa Rica England Italy

Group E

Switzerland Ecuador France Honduras

Group F

Argentina Bosnia and Herzegovina Iran Nigeria

Group G

Germany Portugal Ghana United States

Group H

Belgium Aigeria Russia South Korea





JUVENTUS (H) WON 2-1 Champions League quarter-final first leg 5 April 2006

On a right that bristled with emotion, this first post-Heysel meeting was always going to be significant and thankfully it also proved a liking thoule to the 39 who lost their lives two decades anter Off the pitch the prematch commemorations were dignified and respectful." In Memory and Friendship. But once the first whose sounded the action was last and furious. Liverpool got off to a perfect start where Samithyppe will leyed in at the first start where Samithyppe will leyed in at the first. post after 10 minutes. The bistering place was natintaned and Lus Garca sent the home lans into reptires when he doubted the edwartage with a specificular voiley 15 minutes later it was only then that the game settled but the Reds remained in control until Scott Carson handed duve a filefine when fumbling a Fabio Convarian header shortly etter the hour mark. The Reds hung on to passe what heat been the stemes European test yet of Reds regns.

PART FIVE: 60 TO 51 By Mark Platt

GREATEST GAIVIES

59 CHELSEA (H) WON 7-4
First Division 7 September 1946

The inaugural post-war Football Juegue basson was a view football Juegue basson was a view football Juegue hast to strong and hard of a familiar base and of a familiar steep which of a familiar steep with the pre-match talk had certared on line impending return to Mereny-side of former Evidon favourite Former Juehon However if view Juegue forward to former steep of the place of t

just two minutes and by helf-time the Reds had crussed into a 4-0 lead through Bill Juses (2) and Willie Fagam. Within his minutes of the resent in was six, facts Pailmer scoring and Liddeld gnabbring his second. When the visitors hit back with four quick-life gnals to reduce the defect the Kip wers stunned. With 19 minutes salt internating anything secret glossible and there was preal rehet all round when Fagan, with his second of the affermon, mean Leeppool's seventh to complete the scoring.





AUXERRE (H) WON 3-0

UEFA Cup second round second leg 6 November 1991

Never before had Liverpoot recovered from a two-goal first-leg delicit et European competition and lew supporters had absolute fath that they were capable of doing so against French side Autome Only 23,094 turned up at Aniald on the night but those who stayed away mased one of the all-time European classics. The atmosphere inside Antield was remarkable given the low attendance, and the noise generated was more akin to a sell-out. The enthusiasm of the fans who had mede the effort was lifted further when uart Molby scored from the penalty spot after only four minutes. On the half-hour the crowd was whipped into a henzy when Mike Marsh leveled the appregate score with a delt close-range header. Seven minutes how the and of normal lime. and with extra time looming. Molby's searching pass found Mark Watters who raced thistuath on goal before completing the comeback with an assured finish in front of an eostatic Koo.





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Bit Sharikly's second great Liverpool side was slowly coming of age and they showed further signs of their meturity by deleating risighbours and reigning champions Everton to cinch a place in the FA Cup final Merseyoide decamped to Old Trafford for the day and although the Blues were without flu-

stricken manager Harry Caltenck it was they who drew first blood through andfield. ace Alan Ball after 10 minutes in what was a pulsating encounter the Reds continued to press but had to wait until just before the hour mark to draw level. Alun Evens was the scorer holding his herve when finding himself with

only Everton goalkeeper Andy Rankin to beat in front of the rad hordes at the Stretford End, in the 72nd minute came the game's decaye moment. Plankin failed to hold a cross from winger Steve Heighway and the diminutes Brief Hall was on hand to smash home the loose ball and score the winner



ROMA (A)

UEFA Cup fourth round first leg. 15 February 2001

No-one gave Gerard Houlier's resurgent Reds much hope of defeating the Serie A leaders Roma, especially in their own backyard. True, Liverpool had never lost in the eternal city but Roma were regarded as the Continent's form learn and revenge for the 964 European Cup final defeat was very much on their agenda. In a first half of few opportunities averpool defended resolutely. A goalless draw would have been a more than creditable result to take back to England but within a minute of the restart Michael Owen stunned the hostile home. growd with the opening goal. Five thousand traveling Liverpudians celebrated and when Owen rater doubled the adventage it sealed one of the most impressive and unexpected results in our rich European history



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55 STROMSGODSET (H) WON 11-0

European Cup Winners Cup first round first leg 17 September 1974

It rained goats like never before at Arrifeld on the night Bob Plastey tool charge of his lins. European lite as Everpool boss. The unknown Norwegion part-limers of Stormegodest were the visitos and Everpool commoniorated the podision by running riot. Of all the outfield players and plain Hall falled to get on the

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EVERTON (A) WON 3-2

Premier League 16 April 2021

Just seconds remained of the 164th detry, the Easter Monday 2001. Levepoor and the Eventon were sted at two approx and the Proofs as prational of securing a place in the following season's Champions League hung in the beance until Gany McAllester winds fermed into local follow. Three portion were a necessity if the pressure was to be maintained on Levels United and Ipswich Town, our rivials for third place. But an indicting the called encounter localed desirable.

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to finish all-squera. Then Gregory Vignel was fouled 40 yearts here goal. McAllister stepped up to take the recutant set pece amount as a small standard Paul German in the Eventon goal. The coaching staff farmously demonst for the period of the coaching staff farmously demonst for go in the loud-time and there was barely time for the game to restart. Liverpool had smatched a priceless videory and moved a outcide step closer to regaining their place back among the European elite.





53 REAL (A) WON 1-0

Champions League round of 16 first leg 25 February 2009

Liverpool's first visit to the Bernabeu. was one to remember as Rate Bentez returned to his former club and inspired another famous European away win. After leading the Reds to victory in both the Nou Camp and San Siro he completed an impressive hat-trick to Mave his team on the brink of a fourth Chempiona League quarter-linal in Ivo years. Even accounting for the fact that captain Steven General was deamed fit enough only for a place on the substitutes bench until the closing stages, Liverpool planned a well-deserved first-leg victory by wrtue of an 82nd minute header by Yossi Benevoun





EVERTON (MAINE ROAD)

Milk Cup final replay 25 March 1984

The first at-Mersevside cup line at Wembiev had been an occasion to savour, but when the battle resumed in Manchester three nights. later all thoughts of parochial sentiment were cast aside and Everpool completed the job with typical professionalism. A capacity growd of 52,000 crammed into Maine Road and they witnessed another tight, keenly-lought encounter Again there was little to separate the sides and the atmosphere was as lense as it had been beneath the Twin Towers, it required a special moment to decide the destroy of the trophy and it came vis line left foot of

The second second second 21 minutes. Receiving. B pass from Phil Neal just outside the Everton penalty area, he struck a scorching shot low and hard that great beyond the grasp of Neville Southall It was enough to dirich a fourth successive Laague Cup for "Iverpool and the first trophy of Joe Fagan's magnificent treble.







MOMENT OF TRIUMPH



Salute these men who did us all proud

PROME PICHALE CHARPES

Liverpool became the first English team to win at the Nou Camp and in the process book a major step towards securing their place in a second JEFA Cup fine: Against a star-studded Barcelone team John Toshack scored the only goal of the game after 13 minutes and 70,000 Catalana fell stent. The stendor 1-0 scoroline. however did not do justice to the superanty shown by Paisley's Reds, letted out on this night in Real Madrid-esque all-white Barca's celebrated Dutch duo Cruyff and Neeskens were reduced to a bit part role and there could

have had no complaints had they been beaten four or five-nil. So incensed were the home lans with their sides performence The state of the s long before the final whistle and a barrage of bushions rained down on the pitch as Liverpool celebrated a famous victory. If had been one of the dub's linest European away performances, the significance of which was not fully realised until a fortmost later when a 1-1 draw in the return leg at Anfield confirmed a place in the final.

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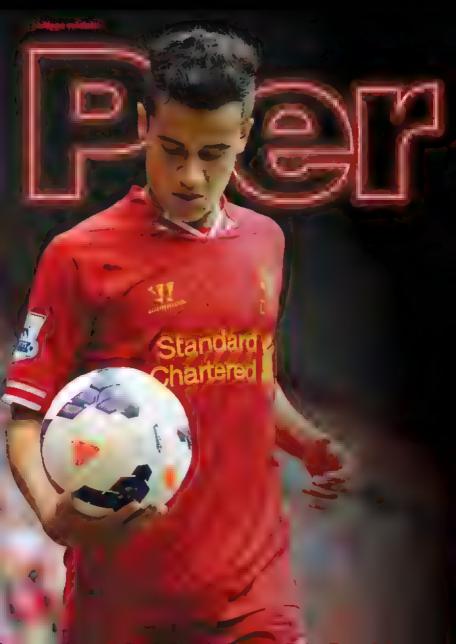


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The brilliant Brazilian with the magical shirt number tells Simon Hughes about the importance of family, learning from Luis and looking forward to the World Cup.

hilippe Coutaino has numerous tatloos. All are specific, not just for show. When anked to display, them he obliges, itting up the

whort-elseved shirt he is weening.
Che on his bloop merges two of his chief passions: religion and football. The others, dotted about on his erm, hard and fingers, represent his wife and invinedate family. There is a mish

of full names and initials. 'Never stop, dreaming' reads enother in English,

He says they are there to remind the says they are there to remind the says the says

I am a figure general travers get too down. I never eatile eithen. It is about balance, remembering that life can pose challenges you viild not expect – just when you thinks It is right."

Trike is the type of statement your hear regularly from many young professional footballers. It's the kind of measage intellled from an early age thiring classes that warn about this picks that the ahaed at their

philippe coutinho

respective academy. There is a sense though that Coutinho really appreciates the meaning it is not a sentment from a book. It has been experienced Coutritions just 21 years old. He has already played professionally in four countries across two continents. He moved away from home when he was 18 and barely intoa professional career. He left vasco da Gama for inter Milan after just 20 games. There's also Rio. The says pausing, thinking longingly about his home city far away from here. It's a very special place i am the same person that left there

Countho linishes almost every sentence with a smile that stretches from set to an Spook to Brazzen people and many will fell you that they people and many will fell you that they are fact bed and happy because they are more accepting of the uncertainties that encompass life Socrates, the elegant and thoughtful Brazilian mudifielder from the 1980s once claimed there is not a blaime cultural as there is elsewhere. The reality back home is more votertile than in a dieveloped country people are also

"As kids we played on hard courts and it was faster, technical"

more accepting of tale knocking on their door unexpectedly. he said

Countrion story undeed begins in Rocha in the Zona Norte North Zonah Rocha Chorn Zonah Rocha Chorn Zonah Iar away from the Islaamy besches of the Copacabana and Ipanems past the Corcurado Mountain and Christ the Rockemer status that overlooks and protects the city then begind in angle of motonways that service the lourist indictate.

Riccina is a flar residential area of modest brick houses, low-rise fleaturents apartment blocks and small industrial warehouses. There are incre that into favelas close by creoping up heliotios. It is cleaned that sainbal Brazil is second most famous seport behind football began here. Coulinho's father was an architect. His upbringing was not quite as tough se others—was very forturate he says. But could see it was not the way for exerging in...

Subconsciously he was learning about football as a footber Rocha is



a 10-minute dovinslope wall-from line-timous Marazane Stadium At the time viasco da Gamn and Rutmengo regulariny doyad timer. He outed not see the ground from Rocha but whenever these was a match he outed so the crowder making here way the covidacte the chanting, and then the row whenever a goal was scored.

The streets were full with people especially when there was a big game between vlasco, who supported, and Flamengo, it is like whon you see the cowind approach. Anfield now, the walk up the full to the ground the house on the proper in made me realise that football does not begin when his game wicks off ended a Sadoum. It's more higher that it is on the street.

Coutri ha began playing footbell on the street United in England there were no signs that read. NO BALL GAMES had to stay close to home but there were not as many cars and more space to play Everyoria who played had desire. We did not always. Opnoise the scaring let the Goudeste storby have a proper ball, for instance Sometimes we dimake one out of socks by tying them all together Maybe we dijust get a cap of a bottle and lock if pround I took back to that sime and realise it probably helped my skills.

Counho was the youngest of three brothers. The other two were almost 17 years older than him. He remembers watching the pair through a window tease the family home most days to pility harebot die saloo with a group of lineards. He remembers warming to join them. When he was old enough the did so but not yet thing to provide the provided so but not yet their discretion.

There was a court result horier that was used by the community. Everyone played their young people old psopia, men and wornen. My brothers loved lootball as much as not We did not go in play or the beach so much because we had everything we needer tokee by There were small-saled games every day. "It watter my bothers every day." Cat watter high select games every day. "It watter my bothers every day. Fourther wat to be





cild enough to run on and start playing Gradually they would let me night at the end when a game was already won or lost. I'd run around not really knowing what to do, just following the hall

Fullabor de asiao fasgihi valueble lessons. The ball is a lot heaver the priches are smaller and the goals are smaller. Nobody played 11 a sode lootable at a young age. If was the ori six-a-sole all the time. If was the best place to learn how to love the ball. On the beach, this was not always possible because the games are so physical. On sand, players are happy to jump into tackes in the hard courts though the game was taster more technical. You had to thirk quickly. There was no opportunity to make long passes?

Coutinho started playing competitively when he joined a local boys team in hearby Manguera, one of the biggest favelas in flag if was not really competitive." he says. The oberchas usal warnted us to teritoy the game their pol homen. The ensual did not matter. Within a year. Coutenho is father heard about a senes of brais being held by Vasco da Game. Recrutement in Brazi does not start as early as in Europe it was decided he should po along. For the first bring he was playing on bigger picture.

When all you know is tight space, more space on a bigger pitch makes the game easier. There was a little bit more time on the bigger pitches. The stolls in furlably de salan are transferable. It was valuable to my development.

The most important (influence) was that of my parents and lamily. Lob of young players have the ability in Brazil Bill without hering, good people around you, going further becomes a tot harder. My parents and my brothers were there every weekend at every gains. They helped keep me the same person. They helped make the whole thing happen. In 2009 Coulinho was Brazil's no10; at the FIFA Under 7s World Cup in Nigeria. Brazil performed poorly, knocked out at the group stage. But he was no10 ill a shirt of significance and not Neymer who was no11.

Neyman had been talked about for longer than Counho." nessons Jon Cotteril a Britan hootball journalist based in Sao Paulo. "From the moment he started scoring bucket loads of goals for Sontos, the press were onto thim. But the allocation of numbers reflects just how highly those that the Brazikan radional learn rated Coulinho at the time.

Inter Milan had already signed Coulinho by then. The Italian club had trailed him since he was 13-year-old. Sporting dender Marco Banca Sometry a centre-forward for Middlesbrough, crossed the Alamic several times to see the player after being silented by a Brazilian scoul watching a youth tournament in which he was appearing with Vescaling.

Vasco, traditionally the working man is club of Portuguese inningrants in Rio, have allways struggled for money. Inter made an ofter of nearly 55 million for Coutonto when he was 15 and yet to hake his first team debut. Vasco could not refuse.

They are the only club in Rio to own their own stadoum, for instance But they are a bit of a yo-yo club and do not possess the structure or organisation of other clubs in the club, expression of other clubs in the club, expression of other clubs in the stadout of the clubs in the club, expression of other clubs in the procession of other clubs in the procession of other clubs in the club, experience of other clubs in the club, experience and the club of the club, experience and other clubs in the clubs in the clubs in the clubs in the club, experience and other clubs in the club, experience and clubs in the c

In the years before Coutinho was plicwed to agree a deal with inter there were similar agreements between a variety of potential stars and other European clubs Manchester United signed Internacional's Rodingo The same of the same of hailed as Brazil's next great attacking midfielder. A Ronaldinho in the making, Douglas Costa was linked with United until he eventually moved to Shakhtar Donetsk from Gremio. And In 2006 Kerlan moved from Cruzero to Inter having earned notoriety with a display of skill known as the drible da focumbalor the seal dribble where he bounced the ball on his head. pontinuously while running.

There is a bornmon story with the rise and let of young playing in Brazi. *Cotterlit continues "A player does well for the national learn at either Jinde! To or UTB levial in retervised matches, expectations shift somewhat, an egent or management company moves in, then within six months that player is sould to Europe well before he is ready.*

When the Brazilian national team appeared at the 2012 Olympics in upndon, it included ulnited's Ratael His presence was significant because.



he was the only player from the appleimed Brazii U17's World Out squad that was knobbed out by Ghana and underachieved in South Korea. five years eather

The point is, players can look supremoty talented at 17 years of ago and lat off the lootsed map. Attendatively they can be awarded with a big contract and arm if bible to dest with it. There is a sense that this is currently a problem with players in England but it heppens everywhere and more so in Brazil where there are so many to choose from.

Possebon is career path is a cautomary late. He played three times cautomary late. He played the times for Unlear visit beared to Braga and their returned to Braga with Santos. After spoils at four different toolball clubs he signed for fourth division. Juventude last summer: He is now just 24 years 14.

There are obvious benefits of Europear bothst for any flancialism footballor. Thisre is more money, the leave of football is consistently higher in terms of loposition and faarm-mates, there are bigger crowds at the games clubs are run more professionally and they take greating one with the weather of their players.

'But finding the right dub in the night country and the night league is not straightforward. Neel times out of 10, dubs are only buying the potential rather than the finished product. There is no guarantee of success. The gambie is big.

Coutinho's contract with Inter stroutsted that he remained at Vascountil his 18th birthday. By the time he moved in 2010, the public had only seen liketing gampses of his ability

Clearly there was talent: the basic ingredients in terms of skill. Naturally at that age there was always going to be question marks related to mentality

Cottowil believes the difference between a leernager succeeding in Europe or returning frome without having made a mark is not related to ability. Tiscalians are very familyorientated. It is no surprise that someone like Oscar at Chelsea, for mistance morped to condow with his mistance morped to condow with his properties.

"At Anfield teams try to stop us and it helps to see the little spaces"



in Couraptons Langua action for inter its Rectamental 2018 wife and mitially his parents. Opcar is obviously supremely talented and hight succeed snywey but having territy there every day reminds a player of what he is fighting for "Coulento was the same."

When Coutinho agreed to join

Infer Jose Mountho was the manager By the time he'd arrived, Rafa Benfaz

had replaced him. By the time held agreed to join uiverpool, four others had been in charge.

For a teenager in a foreign country

such a tumover can be problematic. Every six months or so, Coutenhohad to prove hinself all over again. He closen't use this as an exuse to explain why he clidn't play an ranggames in Melan. "This is lookball he says, also the majority of playors do. There is an acceptance that managenal changes are a part of the pame, just few relones and defeats."

Under Benitgt: Countrio belevies he bacical swersenses improved greatly. "He was very good with me," he remainbars. "He was very clear with his instructions I fursey existly what he warted from the Int Brazil, all needed to do was static." There was not much defending, in Europe, the reality is different "You have to thirth shour all parts of the game Benitsz made me

It has hade 4 bears At Inter 1 trained with some of the greetest players people file (Sinvert Zaneth You see the discipling of the man, training hard every single day to get belief even though the has been at the obtained in the game to riso long, lially was important for me. I readised a lot of things that are now heliping me at unerpool.

Physically he was prepared for the

Framer League. This not really the backles or the power. If a the pace of the game that is the biggest change in the first months I got bind early. But I am used to thinking quickly seeing the space and trying to use it to the learn's adventage.

If helps that other attacking players have similar qualifies. "Luis [Sustruz is unbelievable. Jule me, he played street football and then Aughor de salao. That has helped our understanding. There is not much space or the Premior Langue A. Anfalot learns by to stop us, so if helps if you can see the lettle bits of space. January marks the beginning of whether.

January marks the beginning of whet might be the most significant year of Countries some so far He is now one of the most important players as Liverpool learn that Index genume hope of qualitying for the Chamports usague for the first time in the seasone, possibly something more. Then there is the World Cap, being held in Brazil

Coulanho has just one cap for his country and that came against Iran in a frenchy three years ago. Brandan Rodgers ravealed lest month that he speaks registerly with usif Pelipe Socials, the manager of the Brazilian restonal team. The pair from eston at the restonal team. The pair from eston the french he it impossion in his position. Pocifiers said to if competition in his position. Rodgers said, "But he really is at that level and he just has to hasp playing and pushing his case."

"The first aim is to help Liverpool reach the Chairipions League, insists Coulinha "N I do well here, the chances are increased of me being invited to play for Brazil, which would also be a dream. There's a lot to be acceted about "

Jor Cotteril has been witing about Brazilan lootball for over a decade. He's on Twitter (3Pitecodochings)

STORY OF A

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The significance

The season at one point fooked like it might end in league and FA Cap success instead linehing eighth and losing at Wembloy was a signal that the club was going backwards rather than contending with the best

"Nepport Naci been champions in 1947. But failing to boost the squad before or after the _94950 season paved the way for 1954 is relegation and an eight-year spell in the Second Division. An over-relainnce on star man Eity "udded was anomer problem that wort in Jedder Season.

A few whells after the FA Cup final manager George Kay yeas hospitalised and the following January worsening health led to the resignation. Bit Shankly was among those interviewed to replace Kay but it wasn't until his began to move choward again.





Home are the delasted





The league season For players and supporters allies, glancing at the final league table and the Reds position of eighth must have been a plainful expenence. Their were many times during the season when a much higher finish - even the title.

hed seemed within their grasp. Kay's men began the campalign by putting together an unbesten 19-garner rum their stratched into early December. It was halted by a 3-2 defeat at Huddersfield Town, although they were still time ponts clear at the top despite that madern reversity.

When thid February arrived they were once again in the flotly position, until a run of alleing to score in four consecutive March outings led to them taking only a single point and plummeting to fourth. Yot Liverpool reclaimed top spot when seemingly suppred by an FA Cup semi-final win over Eventon, they won three feague games in a row. That meant as they breedled in Newcastle United on

B April they were leaders, with just the flutures remaining. A 5-1 defeat at St James Park signated the beginning of a tomble and as they picked up just a solitary point and stumped downwards to finish live points behind champions Portsmouth

In the cups

With European football still to be introduced and the League Cup another 11 years away the only knockout competition available to the Reds was the FA Cup

Liverpoof's participation concluded in front of 100,000 people at Wembley, although a 2d defeat by Arisenal was far from what the bravelling Kopites had hoped for At the time that 2D April day out in the capital was only the club is second FA Cup final oppositance with the previous one, signant Burnley in 1914, side orading in a loss.

The journey that concluded with the game against the Gunners took

SEASON

It was a case of so near and yet so far for Liverpool FC on the cusp of a challenging new decade



"Bob was dropped for the final despite his semi-final goal "

in victories over Blackburn, Exater City Stockport County Blackpool and neighbours Everton

Billy Liddell and Bob Paysley spored the goals which secured a 2-0 victory. over our neighbours in the serni-final at Mame Road Famously Paistey was then dropped for the final Disappointed by the decision 10 considered leaving the duty only for

Albert Stubbins to talk hen out of it. Parsley would later call on the expenency when as first team manager he had to bond players FORM THIS COMP TIME-LIDS

Despite the result in the capital 100,000 people welcomed the team back to Merseyside. Joon seeing the crowd captain Phil Taylor responded as such. "It's difficult to know what i can say. But I am really overwhelmed I can only thank you



Same league Portsmouth whose 1950 title was their

second in a row, are now a League Two outfit Wolves currently in usague One also had 53 points losing out on the title due to goal average. Fen of the 22 sides that made up the First Division its protectines son vibratius are task tark the highest level of English football

The tactics

A manager changing tactics mid-game is common in Premier League football Over six decades ago that was far from the case. There was much discussion at Antield when, during an FA Oup. puerter-final ageinst Blackgoot, Billy Liddell and Jimmy Payne swapped wings it was viewed as revolutionary and crucial in the 3.1 win sealed by Euddell scoring the decisive goal



NEW ON

Signed from Countenheath, Shields was described as 'a brilliant schemer in addition to having a strong shot' He only made one senior appearance. during a 1-1 draw with Wolves in November 1949 before returning to his native Scotland.

Frank Christie

The Scottish wing half-back had originally signed for Liverpool in 1965 before failing to make the first team and moving on to Forfar Athletic When he returned to Anfield be did slightly better playing four league games during 1949/50. The following year he joined East Fife.

Jack Haigh

Signed from Gaussborough Trinity in October 1949. Haigh had to wait until Bording Day 1950 to make his debut

LAST CHANGE

Doug McAvey

The Scor had moved to Anffeld as a 29-year-old in December 1947 He found opportunaties scarce and returned north of the border ta sign for Queen of the South.

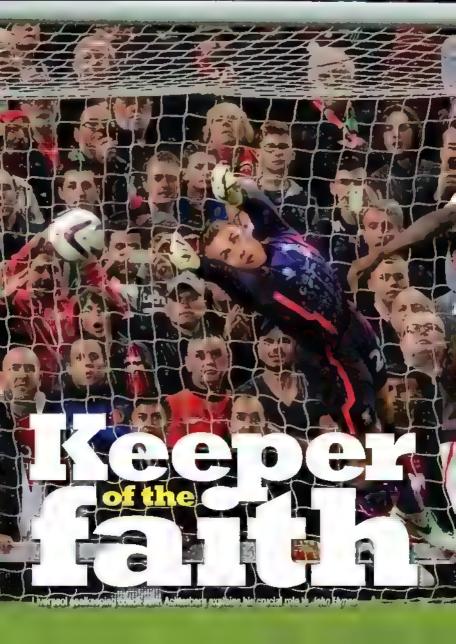
Les Shannon

Local-hors centre-forward Les had made to appearances during the previous season. Yes be was coable to break in to the team. again and left in November 1949. He managed Bury, Blackpool, and clubs in Greece and Norway. His son Dave was an Academy coach.





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When you were young was there as much focus on goalkseping coaching?

It's definitely got a to better. When these powers up in Holdend there wasn't a lot of training for poakeepers. At my first dub [VVRIJC. a team based in this homesom of Jitter's] I had an ex-pro-vino sometimes worked wehme. Their inventor professional lootsall with Utrechil and trained with specific goaleseign goodness. That was at the age of 16. Prior to their I baught myself a lot.

For goalkeepers to improve how much is down to having the right attitude?

II does play a part You need to make things happen for yourself intend to pick up doess and tips from everyone, but I couldn't get all of the sectimest details by myself Novardays, youngstess receive that from coaching staff quite serly on, which acts their development.

But there is only so much we can do for them. They also need to think about the game in detail work uncessibly hard and train well event day. If you don't have that approach you won't improve. Simon Mignolet is a great example of and the state of the second of 100 per cent every time he goes out on the training field. That's what has got him to this point in his career and will happen the contitue improved.

If a keeper makes a mistake it is replayed endlessly on TV and online—how do you teach youngsters to cope with that?

It might sound hersh but if that affects you loo much then you simply aren't good enough to play at the vary lop. Having that spotlight on you is something a goaliceper rust has to do at with. The same applies when it comes to playing at front of a crowd.

you might have only 200 people behind the goal but you have to be able to blank out what they are saying because you might play in front of 40,000 some day. Again if you can't deal with the crowd maybe bootball sin't for you.

think in the younger age-groups we can't be top soft in how we prepare the players. They have to know the reality They have to know there is a certain mentality required to be a goalkeeper in the Premier Lasque.

Decision-making is a vital part of the role...

A goalkeeper has to be able to read stuations well. It you don't know when to come oil your line, or out of the area, and when to stay put, there is no



"Simon Mignolet works at 100 per cent every time he goes out on the training field"

hope for you. We do a lot of work on that in training. We try to give the lads solutions or advice on how to deal with those type of incidents withen it comes to a game we obviously can't be on the field tailing them what to do. That comes down to their instinct or feeling.

We hear a lot about goalkeepers being able to play with the ball at their feet now... If a young keeper doesn't have that

in a young weeper coean nave unan skilly to control and pass the ball it can be hard to develop. If always look at how well any sinke the ball, if they can do that poperly, then they libe able to pass it properly bot if they can't strike the ball, well they might sarruggle to improve with the ball all her feet.

With every teams those is usually a pecking order of first and second choice goalkeeper. How do you approach coaching both at the same time? by to tout the same through the same Obecast Smort Microll is the



First choice for us and Brad Jones is second choice But when it comes to trianing Brad to just as important as Simon. If Simon eyer picks up an injuly Brad has to be 100 per cert vision, to play. Something like that happened at levy years also when the came in for the FAC Cup semi-final against Everton at Wembley.

They follow similar training schedules because both need to be fesh for a fodure. Where it might differ is after a game, it Samon has played 80 minutes he will have a recovery day. At the same time Brad will do some start in the Brad will do some start.

Does your role involve a lot of data analysis?

There are statis for everything in the Premer Langue For exemple rear check how many prosess a goalkeeper catches in a game or a session. Or I can look at how many saves they make. The lads in the analysis department liste pass; on loads of information to me. It look at clipte on my langue or show the goalkeepers DVDs of their performances.

However I also by to watch as many games an possible because sometimes the stats won 1 give you a complete produce, it might say the keeper caught four crosses. I want to know how many of them were under pressure or did he have to come through a crowd for get the bell? Was the ball chere or floated in? of think. e anal

"One goal conceded can cost a manager his job or the players their win bonus"

the eyes are still the best ludge of performance. So his a combination of modern technology and what I see myself, wastor a lot of first-team games, probabily around eight every week I do reports on goalteepers because in each to Indiow who has potential or who might be able to a good obt for the team.

How different is playing the U.V. or List compared to senior

It's obviously important for the lads to play with the under-age teams we have here. This helps them to improve end progress. Eventually they then have to leave that environment and sample real lootball When they do, they quickly find out it's a mark world they applying for a service team every goal they concede can make a huga difference. One goal impin loos! the managen has do or the players they

win bonus. That's pressure.
Only when a youngster experiences that can they indow how difficult it is to be a professional lootballer it's our jobs to ensure that when they make that move to senior football, on loan or permanently they are ready.

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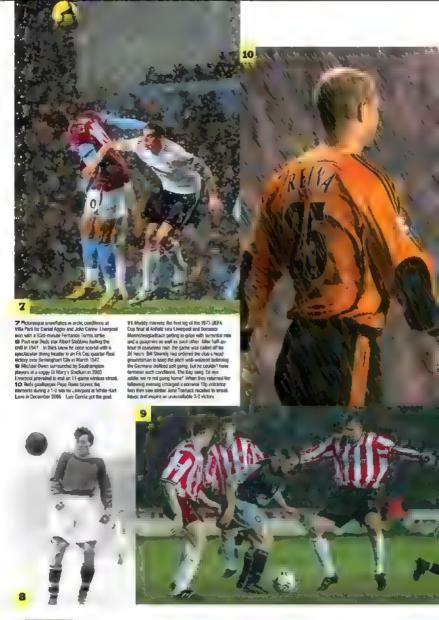
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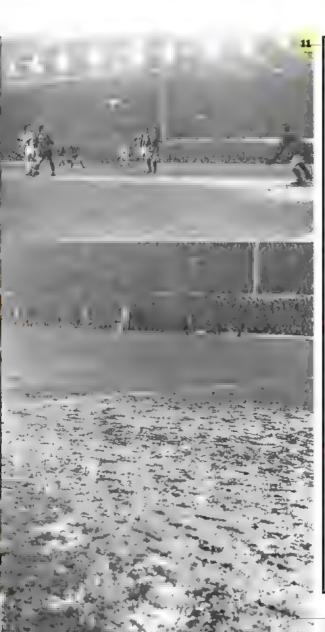




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Hit and mist

Several LFC matches have been affected by thick fug. We don't have any pictures but you probably wouldn't be able to see anything anyway! Here are three famous occasions...

Huge clouds all fog hung heavily over the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam on the night of 7 December 1966 Liverpool had traveled to Holland to play the first leg of a European Cup sedondround tie. In his autobiography Bill Shankly recalled: The match should never have started. We were 2-0 down and started trying to retneve the game. So when prito the pitch while the game was in progress and was walking about in the log. said to Willie Stevenson and Geoff Stroke. "This is only the first game!there's another game at Liverpool, so don't go and give awayiany more goals. Lat's get beat 2-0. walked on to the pitch, talked to the players, and walked of again. - and the referee never saw me!" A Johan CruvII-Inspired Airc side THE PERSON NO. 5-1

Here to obscurity in February 1968 6# Shanley's

in restatularly todo of scalarly in timen that it immilimizations goaldess draw in the fourth round of the FA Cup at Whiselia. Two days later at the Anfield replay the sideat were confronted by a pee-acupal. When Liverpool sourced in the 24th minute the Kop observed. Thes Anfield Read responded with - Hateley accord. Theirk you very much'il came the raphy. This pattern was repeated as their lay our very much'il came the raphy. This pattern was repeated as their lay and Constitions and of their species as the Pede are out. 5° Winners.

Belgian waffle

When Liverpool hosted Anderleght in the second leg of the European Super Cup at Anfield in Depember 1978, the supposed showease match between two of Europe's best descended into tarce. Thick tog delayed the kick-off for 15 minutes. Goals from Emilyh Hughes and David Fairclough gave Liverpool a 2-1 win on the night but they lost out 4-3 dn aggregate. Manager Bob Paisley said: "It was farcical. There was no way if would have been played If it had been an important game. The only thing I'm glad about is that nobody got hurt."



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Neil Jon Flanagan has ben rewarded for his patience and first-rate attitude

leven stations ago I wat called up to Gerard Houlier's lest barn for the list three in a competitive game along with upon the west motive in the Champions Spartak Mescow in the Champions League. While John old not make the matchaday squed I was selected on the bench, afthough didn't get on.

Two months later I started for the frest time in a Leegue Cup victory over loswich Town. My second game was an FA Cup win at Manchester City. Then I scored my first goal in a Leegue Cup sent-linal dereal against Shefield. United at Branhatt Lane.

Others might see if differently but if thought it was an unfortunate togenming to my professional career. For a start, two of the games being away made if difficult. Before the growth match Houllier told me I was on penalties it was a big responsibility.



"One minute nobody is talking about you, then everyone is"

and it filled me with confidence. Ten minutes into the second half I was brought down inside the box instead. El-Hadji Dioul insisted that he was taking it. At the time he was the club's record signing and struggling to justify the tag because he wasn't scoring enough goals. As a young player had to go along with it but inwardly I was furious as it was a huge opportunity to make a name for myself. Very lew players score on their debuts wanted to be one of them. Although Diouf converted his kick I was disappointed I didn't get the chance to do it mysell. Then against Gity, Digul.

should have pessed to me as I had an open goal in front of me, brahad he had a shot and missed. Again, a crucial goal in a big FA Cup match would have been significant for me

Eventually clid spore in the third game against Sheffeld United it went in night in front of the Liverpool fans. When you see the supporters jumping around you realise how much of an impact you have on the people that pay to wistch you play.

Asde from a draw with Aston villa todn't start another game for 18 months. That included a foan spell at West Harn in another life it's possible my first three Liverpool games would have vielded three goals and forced the manager to stick with me.

Considering all of that, I can relate to John Flansgan a recent re-emergence as a first-team player. Like me, he mad a decent start before deflung off the scene their returning again. That remunte, nobody is talking about you, the neat everyone is then you're gone again. It's difficult for metch that high of competing against the bast players when it's taken away. remember being on holiday in Portugal in 2011. It was a coincidence that I was in the same hotel at the same lime as Jon and his family including his occurs Plarafely Ort Jon had linished the previous season as unerpools anyth-back under Kenny. Dalglish, playing seven times. He wasn't reasing on his faurets, though Every day he was out in the autoning grim work. He statitude was first rate.

Although the two sessories that have followed have been frustating for him. he's hund; in there. The reality ist. the really hard work only begins when you reach the first sean. You can build up to that moment for years but 90 minutes take ric and all be goon if you don't play well or inclosed, react the night way to a setback.

It's very easy to believe that it and going to work out for you at Everpool in the long run. It's easier to decide to go somewhere else and play John's attribute and commitment is an example to every other young footballer at Everpool.



Antield played host to a very special reunion recently Bill Shankly's historic title winners of 1963/64

octor Who and JFK jamborees are all very well but for those steeped in Anfield folklore there's only one 50th anniversary right now that really matters the half century since averpool FC under Bill Shankly took the title by storm in the awinging season of 1963/64 Which is why upon this particular Enday evening, in a packed Champions Suite inside Anfield's Centenary Stand the Merseyside branch of the Official Jiverpool FC Supporters Club is hosting a 1963/64

Champions Tribute Night. Everyone

here knows that those really were the days when by some stroke ol cosmic serendipity the city of uverpool became the centre of the universe to a soundtrack of Beatlemania and the Spion Kop. Ee aye addio and She Loves You. Hatl-a-century ago this football

club in only its second season back in the big time unequivocally took the first step or the road to areatness. Toroght a full

house is here not just for the nostaige. trip but to honour in person the menon the pitch who made it happen.

Here they came introduced oneby-one to cheers and applause and vintage ratities, all as smart in jackets. ties and polished shoes as Shanks would expect, and looking genuinely overwhelmed as they walk (and in one or two cases limp) the length of the long room decked in 60s-style banners hading the champions. Would you please welcome:

midfielder Gordon Mine (now aged 76) insideforward Gordon Wallace (69)



"Fifty years ago this club took its first step on the road to greatness"

from the terraces, and a standing pyabon from everyone in the stands The roar when they ran in front of the Kop increased by 50 per cent. don't think I have ever seen such an Anfield scene, it almost ballied description by its warmth and intensity

Tonight's comperes are BBC Radio Merseyside duo Gary Flintoff and ian Kennedy, ably assisted by LFC statistician Daye Ball whose gags. during the prize draw keep everyone tickled. ("Congrabulations, you've won a season-ticket for Old Trafford It's okey - it's for the cricket.") After this evening's dinner - a posh bowl of Scouse naturally Gary and lan ask each player in burn for their personal recollections

Before then you've got to remember that the Kop would make a noise for corners and the like, but that was it there was no actual singing. racalls Gordon Milne one of three ever-presents in the 1963/94 team We were there when that all started when the Beetles came along. We were young, 4 was maredible. I leaf so privileged to have been part of it." ian Callachan, who scored both

goals in a 2-1 win over Everton in the

(71), full-back Ronnie Moran (79) goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence (73) left-half Willie Stovenson (74), winder Ian Calaghan (71), centre-half and skipper Ron Yests (76), and lonvards fan St John and Roger Hunt (both 75

the Saint older by a month-and-a-half Sadly a few can't make it defenders Gerry Byrne and Chris Lawler and inside-forward Jirnmy Malia among The and some of the seconds in 2005. Also present though are the relatives of Boot Room stativarts Bob Paisley, Reubon Bennett, Joe Fagan. and Geoff Twentyman.

Even the Curieti Cup has put in an appearance. Made by a family of local tans, the Curietts, from one of their mum's old vases with the top of a bannister used for a lid this was the

trophy paraded by the team on the day they blinched the title when the real silverware was unavariable for presentation. Athumping 5-0 win over Arsenal, the climax of an irresistible run in the second half of the season, was reported like this by the Echo correspondent of the time

The noise when the release finally did sound the end was so great the whistle could scarcely be heard. Everybody obeyed the instructions to stay behind the terraces except a few boys, and the Liverpool players went down the subway to accompaniment of the chant 'We won the usague and calls for Yeats and manager Shanidy

Then the eleven, plus their mescot, returned to the field almost ammediately to a reptumus reception tre all-conquering Boom fockey (above) and the evening is prominents injohily



class of 63/64

Antield derby of September 1963. adds. We believed in one another We believed we were the best learn do hospitality at Antield novy, in line executive boxes, and people often ask if I wished were playing today with all the trappings that go with it. say no played in the best era. the 60s the days of Bill Shankly and the Beatles. A loid from Toxteth playing in that environment, it was just a pleasure to be at uverpool Football Club, it really was

Livewire winger Peter Thompson says his abiding memory is "being Knackered! didn't know where was going, what was doing I'd get the ball and beat one player beat two. best three, then turn around and best them again! The next season we played Reykjavík in the European Cup and Tommy Smith said to me. Peter. you've even besten me twice tonight"



"The boss told us to work hard for each other and never let down the fans"

Thompson, tike all of the legends here tonight, hides his light under a bushel Willie Slevenson explains "My job was amply to give the ball to Peter - he was just brilliant

Finally, a word from the dynamic duo of Hunt and St John. To this day no-one has scored more league goals for Liverpool than Sir Roger and 31 of those 245 came during 1963/64 mone of them spot-licks. With penalties the boss always told us to side-foot them to the goalkeaper's luft but I liked to hit them hard to the goalie's right so



demoybest star above) and votors: Finds ton (right)

that's why I never took them!"

The Saint who scored 21 league poals of his own that season says Qui styles of play just married. Wine was dropping off a bit. People talk about the game today as if it dionly just been invented but Alfredo Dr Stetano was dropping deep 50 years ago. If I was being marked by a defender the boss would say to me, Take him for a walk, son, and it suited Roger He never told Roger to track back. You stay up there, son' he'd say

"He never told Peter not to dribble because he knew it tired opponents out Cally on the other side was just going to run them, get behind and cross the ball. And then there was Chris Lawler, a full-back. This boy scored 60-odd goals and no penalties or free-tricks. He'd just phost in to score, you'd bump into him in the box.

How we all played, it's all down to the bass in he was so ahead of the game. Bill Shankly told us we had to all work for each other. And the fans we had to play for them. 'Remember, boys he'd say 'don't let them down







The evening concludes in style, with a last entrance from Genry Mith a last entrance from Genry Mith a last entrance from Genry Mith a last entrance from the service from the s

"We've all had so many greet times as Liverpoot fams. Si Etienne, Rome, the Double in 86, Istanbul more recently and for many people the best. But believe me, none of that would've been possible without these ads."

Next season of course is the 50th anintversary of Liverpool's first FA Cup win. As another bunch of mop lops, albelt ones with fairer half from California, once crooned; let's get together and do if again.



Sig Ros and the Cap, then ped spec



'The Liverpool sound'

In his book Liverpool, Wondrous Place, maste tournalist Paul Du, Koyer whise "The Boatesinspired rise in Liverpool's presdige was mirrored, with ancanny synchronicity by the astonishing ascent of Bill Shanidy's Liverpool tootbell team. When Bill Shanidy led Liverpool Football Club from years of obscurity to the start of uniparalised success.

surpassing their previously superior neighbours Everton. The Kop became a neilional synthol. By an extraordinery coincidence, the team's resurgence occurred precisely at the times of the Beatlest rise and Morreyboed's supremecy. And it was the Kop, that swaying mass of humanity of one end of hardfeld ground, which synthesised the two phenomena. In everyday media desources in the 1990s, the

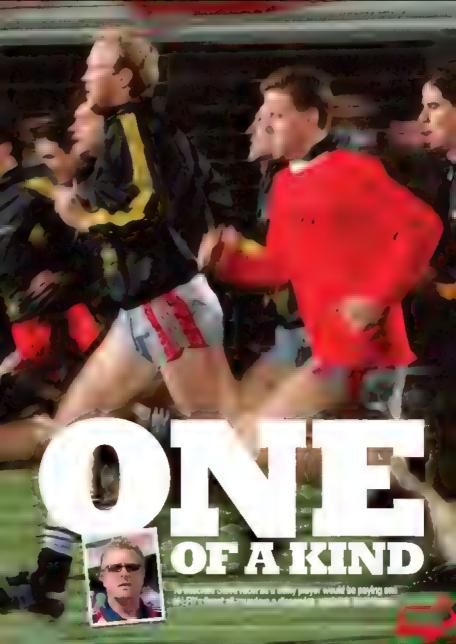
Diverpool sound" was freely used to embrace the music of the lerraces as well as of the groups.

What would annace outsiders was the Kop a Institutive unanimity. It assemed to think as one: a gigantic, single organism that symbolised the wit, missicality and solidenity of the whole city. You'll Never-Walk. Alone was both instantianeous and permanent. If Rodens and

If Flodgers and Harmerstein had sal down and deliberately tried to write an anthem for Liverpool and its people, they could not have come up with anything hemor.







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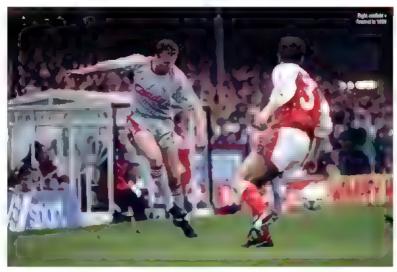


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ordan Henderson's ability to play in a variety of positions has impressed both Liverpool supporters and his manager Normality a central midleider the 23-year-old has been used an different roles since moving to Arafield in the summer of 2011

"At the end of last season he played as a false winger from the left coming inside and got goals," says bass Brendan Rodgers "He played his first season here wide on the right. He is played as a wing-back wide of midfald in a flow."

"in all the systems what you got from him is a work-rate and a mentasity, and Jondan has got quality don't see it (being versatile) as a hindrance for him. I see it only as a positive. I know he's really enjoying playing

And that, according to lormer player Steve Nicot, as the key to thriving when deployed in other perts of the pitch. The Soot was famous for stotting into includes reference interests and include during the 1980/98 campaign alone.

"Did I?" he jokes when speaking to us on the phone from America

"List me work it out. Right-back leftback, centre-back, wide-right, wide-right and centre-mid. That makes up six so it must be true."

The most remarkable part of that is the Scot never looked out of place no matter where Kenny Deiglish put him. "I never thought about it too much," "One of the benefits of being versatile is learning what other players want"

the now \$1-year-old says.
I loved playing and when you enjoy it that much you don't care where you are put. You just get on with it. That attracts introducts.

If was needed to do a a tot bard my approach was I'm getting a game, blyings traw. Pad my main role at till-back if everyone was fit and there were no suspensions rid be in one of the full-back spots. Having that in the back of my mind made if abase to play elsewhere.

White growing up in the west of Scotland Steve had demonstrated some versibility starting out as a left winger "Then, probably around the age of 13 or 14. Liptayed at centra-

back, think I stayed there until joined Ayr United as a professional in their reserves remember spending more time at full-back their griywhere blise Latter on when I made my fisit-learn debut it was in the centre of

the defence Prior to uverpool signing Nicel from the Sootish club in October 1981, chief scout Geoff Twentyman had spent 18 months observing him. One of the attributes that narrylnew[®] beoriving to recommend the young Scot was his sound tactical awareness This must have been one of the reasons why he felt comfortable whether

"I guess so, he reasons,
"I think that is something you pick
up from working alongside good
players: Even at Ayr we had a lot
of experienced guys and you just
followed their lead. Then when you join
a team life uverpool their are oven

or central midfielder?

deployed as a left winger



"Jordan Henderson has that same energy and fitness level"

more good players who are also yery savvy You can't help but learn and that probably stead me in good stead If I was asked to M in somewhere

Nicol didn't spend an awful lot of time on the training pitch adapting to whatever role the manager had lined up next. "I don't think Kenny decided too early in the week who he might need to move around. Usually it was on a Friday when he or one of the coaching stall would come and tell me where they wanted to put me

If I was being moved to the left or north of mudfield a didn't see it as much different from playing at lut-back 1 always ool forward a toll no matter where played The only difference was when a move broke down you had to run back 70 yards if you were a defender whereas it was just 40yards if was in midfield!



We were always told to keep it simple if you are in those habits, as tar as passing the ball and moving are concerned, you continue with them no matter where you are playing. There was no need to over think any of it."

Nicol's high fitness levels that regularly made lung-bursting runs the tength of the pitch were also a factor I think it came from the lact that enjoyed playing and sunning around a tot. From there my stamina developed Jordan Henderson has that governy loo. When he was used at noh! whoback he had no problem getting up and down the flank. Or if he starts in the centre of the park, he can break forward and also get back

While some players might gripe about not being employed in their favourite position. Steve believes trying to do a different job for the team has benefits "Jamie Carragher was right when he said recently that nobody grows up wanting to be a full-back. Everybody wants to be a winger or a centre-forward or a central midfielder But I don't think it does any hum to move luds around. Doing so gives them a different perspective of what's and the second

I found one of the major benefits from being versable was learned whet other players wanted 1 understood

that a central midfielder wanted a pass that put him in a good position to make another pass. It wasn't just a case of firms the ball at him also isamed where and when players wanted the ball delivered impure Jordan has picked up stuff like that too "

By the time he left uverpool in January 1995 Nicol had made 468 appearances and won league titles, FA Cups and the European Cup. One of the reasons for that success was the versatile individuals within the group

It's very important to have that There are always times when a manager has to move around players the first of the f occurs it's not about just sticking someone in the vacant position this player must have the quality to do a decant job for the team. He has to go in there and ensure the standards. remain high

If you have guys like that it can give you ar edge over your rivals

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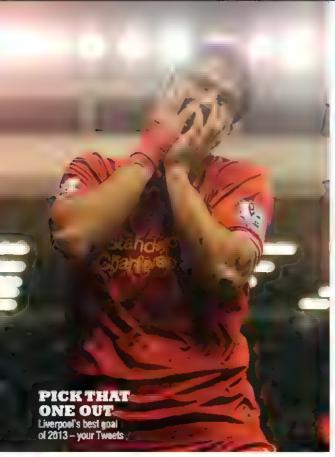




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LADIES DAY

Liverpool Ladies FC, the regimp FA Womens Super Liverpool and the report back for pre-season starring on 13 January. Manager Matt Beard will begin puting plans together for an excing year which will also see the tean play in the Champions. Judgue lor the first time Johns Liverpool FC magazine columnist Amenda Did Costa (right), and out in aw segming Martha Hartis. an England Under-20 defender larmedy with Linguist Liverpoil safety.



SHANKS SHOW IN SOUTHPORT

Tackets are now available for The Bill Shankly Story at Southport's Addissor Theatre on Finday 7 February Legends fan Callaghan and Chris Lawler join presenter folm Keich and transfor Selve Habithurst and tickets are priced £16 £13 concessors—call Orrus 53333 art visit were theatdrasson coals.





ANNIVERSARIES

6 years since Lucas scored his first goal for Europeol on 26 January (right) dilyelens since Deniel Aggis (office) the club from Brondby sont it. January. Tylyeers since James Canagler scored his hist goal for the Riccis on 18 January. 29 years since James Federicepo joined the Riccis on 15 January. 36 years since Graeme Souness mode his Liverpool debut. 68 years since Billy Luddell and Bibb Passiey mode his Liverpool debut.



BIRTHDAY XI

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LFC TV O&A WITH FUCKY MEARS CAMERA OPERATOR

First game you remember?

I'm not sure but my early memorives of Anliekt were from when my uncle used to take me in to see the last 10 or 15. minutes of the match. At a guess, my first full game was Leeds at home in 95

Favourite player growing up?

Loads Barnes, Rush, Fowler McManaman Carragher But when Steven Gerrand came onto the scend, know he was going to be a special player for Liverpool. There was something about him which stood out from the real. I just loved his aggression and desire, and being a local lad made me admire him even more

How hard is it separating being a fan and doing your job?

his lough. I do miss going to the matches with the lads. Fin still at most home games and the odd away game with work but it is different to being in the stands with the tads, I was working at the derby, firming behind the Park End goal and when Coutribo scored in the first lew minutes I was dying to jump up but had second thoughts!

Assuming Islambul is your lavourité game, what's no2 on your list?

loved the 4-3 Newcastle games in 95 and 96. Back then I used to sneak into the pubity mine with a lew mates



to watch matches, and those games elways sack in my mind. But would say the Gerrard FA Cup final of 2006 has to be up there. He was unreal that day

Star you were happiest to med?

When I was about 13 I was getting off a bus after playing got with my mates and saw Slevie G slanding in a car park by mine. was amazed and didn't know what to say I got his autograph and went home buzzing.

Favourité opposition player?

Sergio Aguero. He is great to wetch and that ast-minute goal against QPR to prevent you-know-who from winning the feague made me like him more!

Funniest moment at work?

"I never forget the pre-season tour in Pratiand Stoven Gerrard went to pay his respects to the King with Grendan Rodgers and Ian Ayra. The amount of geople there was unbelievable and trying to firm It all was quite a task. was bouncing off people who were going nuis trying to catch a gimpse of Steven The look on Brendan's lace in this picture (below) sums it up britishtly



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IT'S GOALS GOALS COALS ON LECTY

We're locking off the New Year in style on cFC TV with the launch of a brand new series and sur new episodes of an old favounte

Airing for the first time on 2 January will be Back Of The Net a show that profiles. a selection of Liverpool's most prolific goalsocrers from the Premier League etc. This action-backed fast-baced programme features a minture of goals, stats and guotes. relating to the chosen player

There are shr episodes lined up for the inaugural senes with the focus falling on Arbbie Fowler Danny Murphy Peter Crouch. Dirk Kuyt, John Ame Riise and Luis Garcia.

Hall-a-dozen ex-players will also figure as we re-launch the ever-popular Staty Minutes: With Pregare to sit back and relax as six notable former Reds talk in-depth about their Everpool careers

The new series begins on 20 January with wing wizard of the Seventies. Stave Heichway and he'll be followed by fellow Kop legends John Barnes, Mark Lawrenson and Ray Houghton, plus two men whose LFC stories we very rarely hear. Stave Staunton and Phil Babb

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Away days

With a trip to Stoke in mid-January one Red recalls past matches at both Potters homes

toke's old stadkum, the victore Ground, was a very introducing venue, says London-besed Reds tan Scott McGovern. "They made a real noise there."

Now 42, he'd started going to Userpool viewy garnes, in the late Sevenities. "It was a liev years later that it less went to Stoke Despite the nucous necession they greeted every last well as each of the man described often it think we might have had the odd down but not for many defeats.

Rather bent the scorelines or any particular goals what stands out for me from those trops was a few of their players such as Garth Crooles. Back then he was only famous for playing. He wasn't an amonying pund on "VI It was before he joined Spurs and i remember thinlong he would have made a good signing for via.

"George Serry is another Stake player who) can remember clearly He had been with Wolves first and had a huge head of hair that really made him stand out. He wasn't a bad defender either

After Stoke were relegated in 1985, meetings botween the stoles were confined to the cups. One of the most mamorable of those knock-out encounters arrived in 2000. "I think the scoreboard operator lost count, gave us one goet too many and put up 9-0."

Sharer scarce a februar in 2011





Britannia Stadium



recalls Scott. Eight-nil was a brilliant victory. We probably should have been a goal down very early on effer a poor kick from Peggun, Arpheued, who was making a very rare appearance, buil they missed a great chance.

From there we went on to completely dominate. Around half the goals seemed to come from Gary McAlaster corners. Robble Fowler was in great form tool getting a hist-trick By far the most eventful of Scott s. many trips to the Pottenes occurred at another League Cup fourth-round be. It was October 2011 when Kenny was in charge. The kick-off was obviously in the evening so we left London in the early afternoon. We had a lew beers beforehand in the Harvester bub hear the ground. We'd all sooken about getting away as quickly as possible Marie Control of the leaving roughly half-an-hour efter the final whistle

On a bitiety cold evening two Luis Suarez goals eclipsed Kenwyne Jones heeded opener and swung the bight contest in Liverpool's twoor "may were lovely shrikes sepscally that first one where he nut-megged the detender and their bent it in to the far conner. The winner cannel ker imnutes. "The late winner from Luis left us stuck outside"

from the end and meant we stayed right until the final wheste because we were enjoying it all so much

The problem was we got stuck on the concourse with all the other lans on the way out. We had to wait 15 minutes before we could get out.

The delay meant froit pro-booked cob departed without them. The girts who ditravelled up with us had to go to the station and they just made it. That set [iny feed] Giney and me. Around. The ground was comprise pricipally see couldn't flag down a replacement cab. As we shood there in vaint wer quickly realized wie wouldn't be getting from the unfoll from each day. Nearby they spotted the



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do Whalan y Mark Chamberlan Jabour and your living Foreign

would've liked. Knowing we were running out of options ireluctantly knocked on the door. An old lady answered. She told us the cost was £17.50 in total, which was pretty

reasonable.

After a quick glance around the single room they agreed to take it and went out to get some grub. 'Most of the time was spent in a student bar where they sold pints for a pound. Our food consisted of a kebab at 3am. While eating if we remembered we'd come out without a key. We had to bang on the door for ages before the same woman eventually woke up and 15.41.5

If was at that point they reaksed there was only one bed in the room. "The place was very basic, just a sink and a tiny single bed. Grea sumped in to that, I was left with the laminate floor had to cut a lew cushions against the door to keep out the draught. Of course the fact that we d had a few drinks meant I needed the toilet at 5am. When ! flushed it the handle came cleen off in my hand. Around 6.30am we got up and quickly left without saying anything to the landledy "

They didn't have to wait too long for the first train back to the capital and with much relief jumped on board. 'Our comedy the seemed to be over. Then the train broke down at Birmincham International Amont, We sel there for three hours. By now my

wife was on the phone going ballistic.

So I told her if she drove to Nuneaton the train was stopping there and I'd get off to meet her

The train digin't stop, (natead if went straight through and on towards London. "My wife and two daughters were left standing there watching it whizz past I finally got home at about quarter-past-three in the afternoon. I've never had another away trip like it and I'll never lorget the bad and breaklast. At least we won the game, and went on to win the cup later in the season."

CLASSIC CLASH

09.3.82 First Division Stake City 1 Liverpool 5

This victory left the eventual champions in fourth place with 15 features left. Above them at the time were leaders Southampton, Swanses City and Manchester United, All three were leapfrogged thanks to ruthless displays such as the one at the Victoria Ground, Terry McDermott, Kenny Dalgiish and Greeme Souness had all found the net prior to the hosts responding through Sammy McIrroy, if some of the 16,758 Incide the stadium were dreaming. of a correback, their hopes were vengulahed by goels from Sammy Lee and Ronnie Whelen.

bright lights of a Holiday Irin. *Bizzarraly. every room was gone the place was fully booked. We couldn't believe it. The only option was to find a B&B in Stoke city centre. After an hour we did manage to get a text and headed in to town. Because I'd usually been in Stoke for alternoon games I didn't really recognise the place in the dark. We wandered around for about ninety minutes looking for a B&B.

They ended up in the Hanley area. of the city and stumbled upon a place to stay. "Calling 4 a B&B is probably generous." his taughs again. "If was a bit creedy and resembled the type

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What a night



eds bass Brandar Rodgers took time out of his busy schedule last month to attend the Liverpool Disabled Supporters Association's 10th Anniversary Christmas Gala Dinner The LDSA has more than 400 members and is one of the largest tootball disabled supporters associations in the world. Brendan welcomed 180 members to the annual event, which took place in the Reds Lounge at Anfield Stadium. and thanked them for their ongoing support of the olub It is an honour to be invited

to join the LDSA's celebrations." he said: "Reaching their 10th anniversary is a testament to their ongoing commitment to making positive changes for all our disabled supporters.

After his welcome Brendan made.

have to welcome per load many his way around each of the tables to sign autographs and have photos taken alongside LPC legends David Fairdough and Alan Kennedy Former LDSA president David who has represented the Association for the past 12 months, handed over the title to ex-Reds manager Roy Evans Colin McCall disability and



"This event marked a very important milestone"

accessibility officer at UFC, added "This event marked a very important milestone for the LDSA and it was fantastic to have Brondan and the legenda in atlendance. We continue to make creat progress for our members both on a matchday with regards to accessibility and through our Liverpool FC Foundation programmes which our members are greatly involved in "

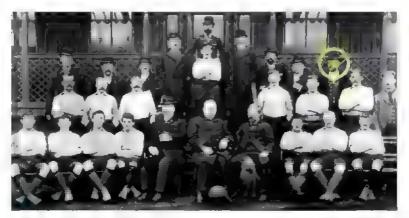
Some of the LDSA's key achievements this year include assisting with the consultation for stadium improvements for all disabled supporters and launching a new podcast for all disabled supporters but pericularly armed at blind and visually-impaired members who cannot access the lext website





LIVERPOCES FORGOTEN A new headstone placed in Antield Cemetery by two LFC historians commemorates the club's first secretary-manager





pair of Reds have paid their own tribute to the first secretary-manager of both Everton and Liverpool

When William Barday died in January 1917 aged 59, he was buried In a pauper's grave having lost contact with the foolballing community during a trace and to his life. But keen football historian George Rowlands and LFC stats eficionado Jonny Stokketand felt Control of the second second football on Merseyside should be marked. They commissioned a new headstone to be placed on his grave at Artifield Cemetery

In many ways William Barclay is the longotten man when people talk about signacent figures in the early days of both clubs," explains George 'He was close to John Houlding (the club's lounderl and there is no doubt that, along with [first manager] John McKenna, he played a significant part in the chub's formative days, in fact, after the split from Everton, it was no who suggested to John Houlding that the new club be named Everpool Football Club

George and Jonny contacted the cemetery and located the area where Barclay was buried A cometery spokesman said: It is likely that he would've been buried with up to five other adults and there may have been young children placed on top. There are thousands of people buried in pauper's graves in this cemelary

The new headstone was put into position on 29 November 2013 and will later be mounted onto a plinth We just fell it was the right thing that he should be commemorated in this way," added Jonny. "John McKenna's contribution is well-documented and

The 13/17 learn polarie the Sandon Hotel with Barcley souled by premi John Flowbilley (will) bull and resignat John McKouna

"It was Barclay who suggested to Houlding the club's new name after the split with Everton

rightly so, but many of the history books overlook the role of Barday

Other people with a strong JFC connection buried at Antield Cemetery include second manager Tom Watson, coalkeeper Ned Doig, forward Jack Parkinson and the Orrel brothers from whom Houlding bought Anfield. An orticle in the Liverpool Journal al 17 November 1894 described Barclay as a very great enthusiast in football management, la most successful organiser a line judge of the great game and knows everybody in the football world. Few men have travelled so much to football matches as he. One of Mr John Houlding's staurichest supporters, widely known and everywhere esteemed. An able mar all round'

WHO WAS WILLIAM BARCLAY?

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new DVD hosted by
local historian Pater Lupson

Poter has conducted metoulous reason in the fire of hunch origins of a dicare English floothell clubs and was the man behind the acclaimed book Across The Park dealing the tarmetion of unerpool and Eventon Now has first blook Thank God For Footbath has been turned into a DVD and enjoyed a worldwide release as a TV documentary.

The project was launched at

Manchester with guests from football, media and Christian organisations. Peter scripted and presents the DVD which covers the stones of the 12 clubs featured in the book. Including the Reds and Blues.

his reveals how Methodist mineter Benjamin Swill Chambers established a cholest due for members of his young men's Bible class within morths of arming 45 Dominigo of suppel in north Liverpool. So-called from the neighbouring streets of Dominigo Grove and 51 Dominigo view. If was out of this cricket chab that a Lootheat section was formed and ultimately Everton RC came into existence. the arrivat of John Flouiding, the move from Stanley Park to Phory Pools in Antheid and the spill which lied to Liverpool FC's loundston in 1882 It also catalogues the roles of key figures such as Houlding. Affred Wada Will Culf and George Nation

Peter says: "I am extremely grateful for the support the project has received from everyone at the clubs, and Liverpool FC were tartisatic in allowing us the freedom to film around Amfield." The clubs have engaged whole-heartedly with their humble roots.

"I was injury to rear unimose room
"I was injury to rescue people
from oblivion to who we over so
much. We had great fun filming the
DVD and also veried locations not
normally associated with frootball
including the white pilits of Dover St.
David's Cathedrat in Pembrokeshire.
Cambridge University and the paller
of a Barmsley pub?"

The DVD was released as a felevision documentary in the "SA in August and has been dubbed for broadcast in China, Japan and Vietnam. It's hoped that some of Peters ir research will be incorporated into the headsets as part of the recently re-leaunched Uverpool. For Museum tour.

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Stevie and the Reds top Country's big football survey StarSOT SINGAPORE

I's no great secret that Liverpool Football Club enjoys a strong fanbase in countries all over the world and that's certainly the case in Singapore The sovereign island city-state in

South East Asia loves its Barclays Premier League football, and in a previous issue of the magazine we testured its official Liverpool FC fan dub which came into being in August 2000 and now boasts more than 5,000 loyal members.

> Such is the interest in the English game that national newspaper The Straits Times recently

conducted a survey into the preferences of the average football supporter in Singapore As you can see if

shows that most decode

in Singapore support Liverpool or fact almost half the fans surveyed are Reds!" says Henry Han, vice-president of the official Leverpool FC fan club

"Steven Genard is their favourite player with Philippe Coutinho coming. in fourth on the list. The findings make us very proud to be Reds here and we're all hopeful that 2014 will be as good as 2013.

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- Steven Gerrard 31.9%
- Robin mm Perale 9.3%
- 3 Ryan Gilopu 3.5%

Nine out of 10 lans are male 49% have bought at least a jersey. 18% have made the long top to England to watch a match, 73% watch games at home compared to 11% in bars and 5% in cales

Over half get their Prem Lige news online compared to 29% via papers and 19% through TV and redio.



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Continuing our series in which Reds tens from top bends pick their favourite Liverpool players for every special occasion...

Andy Brown from Lawson

Good night out

I'd have to sary Steven Gerard I'd love to hoa: some stories from his fine at the club Also what his best goals were and the bost players he'd blayed with and against. The best venue would be a nice her or a pub in town. Somewhere like Hannah's on Hardman Street would be perfect.

Best dressed

have see a cooling to the would have to be Jamie Redivnapp athrough I'm not sure he pulled oil that white suit during the Spice Boys era. Worst fashion sense would be Dibni Cese: you only have to look at some of the man's hairstyles to figure that one out!

The muscle

wouldn't look further than Marriadiou Sakho I definitely wouldn't ness with him! As a backup Martin Stute! That's a pretty solid security team on the road night there







Front men

This is tough one as I think a good thort man needs to possess a number of deferent qualities. If it was looks, I'd be giving it to our former midfielder. Patrik Berger, or Lucas a faw sessons ago when his hait was something straight out of Kings Of Leon.

Roadie

The period roacke would be usin Suarra: He never mops and always puts in 100%. He's strong and powerful, perfect for carrying the amps in the venue, and he's also quick which would work great of lestivate if we're setting up on a light schedule founder the one time a quiter.

Live at Antield

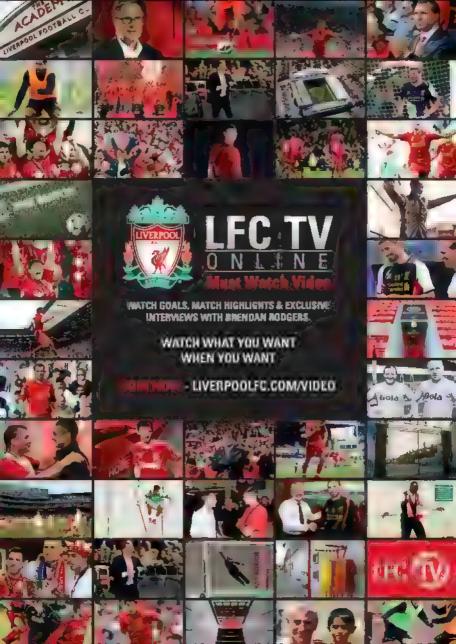
Paul McCartney. I've been a massive tan of Macca over since I learnt to play polar and his was the first gig I ever went to with my dad when I was 15 if we could support him at Anfield one day it would just be a dream come true.

"Supporting Macca at Anfield would be a dream"

Not album or league title?

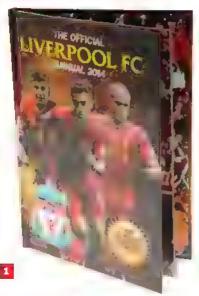
So hard to prover because "ve been watching Liverpool for 20 years and not seen them hit the Premier Libegue trophy. The ideal situation would be for Liverpool to win the league, then we get a not with our third album. It's either for a not 2 abum for now.





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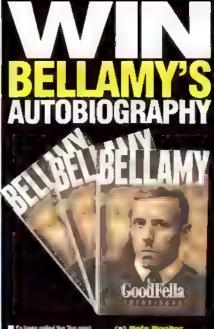


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I's been unlied the 'the meet explosive leaded! autobiography of the year and we've get times. copies to give away.

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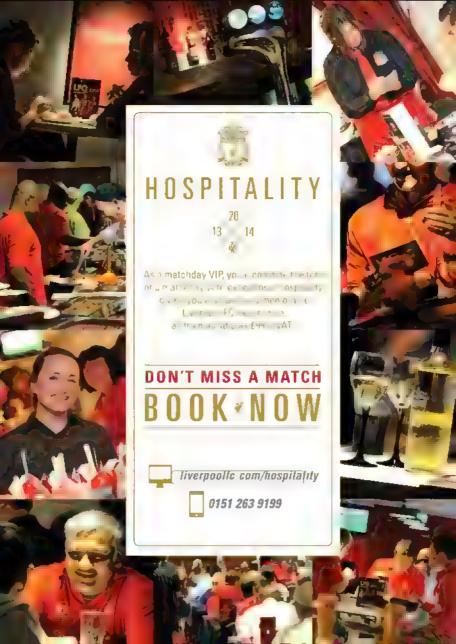
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Lis Suziuz with the match ball following his four goals against Norwich #UFC #theKOP



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David Warching Lus Suarez at his scintillating best is a privilege



If you may own point of lever If be glad to see the back of 2013. It is been it write-off ve suffered a few defects and incomity flad a virus for the best part of four weeks that meant couldn't train property. So getting a boul in before Christmas just wasn't a realistic prospocit. Now with Poping to be back in the ling in either annuary or February.

The time off has given me a real hunger to fight again. Sometimes a break lever 4 you hadn't planned it

"Luis is like a kid under ten who is playing in the U14 side" can be beneficial. You get a chance to refresh both body and mind, using Source is a perfect example of their. Which he refurned to the team, his diserse to wen, already high, reached new levels. Some non-unexpoord tank might be supprised to habit this, but you have to admine his attuict for his to the charms in a struction.

After an unsetting summer of spooulabon he's come back and got on with playing and producing his best. Other playing might have suited, instead Susirez has displayed his linest form sings coming to this country.

The pleasure that his performances bring to the supporters as immense (if a juy to watch him end we're privileged to be able to see him live. Luis remarks the of a led who a under 10 but should be playing an an under 14s sade. He goes all over the pitch and is head and shoulders above everyone esse most weeks.

Some of the form he showed before Christmas was hightening, up there with the very best in fact think he is played better than anyone else in this world this sesson. I know he hearn? been with us too long, but I believe Suarez is the most naturally talented phaper to ever wear the red shirt. Refusing to self him in the summer was one of the best decisions Brender Rodgers has made since among here If was right for the club not to let him go and, rather than any individual, that is the promity

When he was appointed Brenden had a big job it. On He was always going to need time for no methods to take hold and to get in the players wonted. At the book end of lest season you could see that was strating to happen. The results were good And it certically improves signings such as the polyen and signor that the strategy and signor Migrotet. Teatily believe the what he's trying to do and the loodful.

Personally, think the fearn has the best attacking flow since the Roy Evans add of the mich 1990s, Just like them whenever we go forward we look like all these. That a wrat you want from your oldub firs a really exciting time to be a Livespoot fan The league is wide open with lots of learns beating each other Someon has to with test the with vain't if be us?

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